

Governor's 2011 Supplemental Budget

Agency Name: Economic Services Administration

Name of Program or Service Being Reduced: Eliminate Food Assistance Program

Description of Reduction: Reduce support for food assistance program for legal immigrants.

Dollar Amount: (\$9,610,000) GF-S \$0 GF-F 0.0 FTE

Description of Client Impact and/or Effect on Service Outcomes: Monthly food assistance benefits will be reduced for approximately 13,700 persons who are residing in Washington legally but do not meet federal requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) because of their alien status.

Implementation Date: February 1, 2011

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Name of Program or Service Being Reduced: Eliminate State-Funded Naturalization Program

Description of Reduction: Reduce the Naturalization program.

Dollar Amount: (\$1,592,000) GF-S \$0 GF-F 0.0 FTE

Description of Client Impact and/or Effect on Service Outcomes: Individuals who receive public assistance who have not yet attained citizenship are eligible to participate in the Naturalization Program. Services include assistance with requesting application fee waivers, paying application fees when needed, classes in civics and US History for the Naturalization test, and test waivers when appropriate. In SFY09, 3,553 clients received services from the Naturalization program. The number of clients served by the naturalization program increased in SFY10 to an estimated 4,200 clients.

Implementation Date: December 1, 2010

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Name of Program or Service Being Reduced: Eliminate Disability Lifeline #

Description of Reduction: Disability Lifeline grants to the temporarily unemployable are eliminated.

Dollar Amount: (\$20,359,000) GF-S \$0 GF-F 0.0 FTE

Description of Client Impact and/or Effect on Service Outcomes: Approximately 21,000 individuals per month currently receive this benefit.

Implementation Date: March 1, 2011

Agency Name: Economic Services Administration

Name of Program or Service Being Reduced: Eliminate State Refugee Employment Services

Description of Reduction: Eliminate state funding for refugee employment services.

Dollar Amount: (\$3,000,000) GF-S \$0 GF-F 0.0 FTE

Description of Client Impact and/or Effect on Service Outcomes: Refugees who receive TANF, Refugee Cash Assistance, and those who do not receive assistance but have resided in the US for not more than five years are eligible for refugee employment services provided through the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Pathway Program. These services are provided through contracts with local and private agencies. Services to be reduced may include: employment placement assistance, English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) training, job skills training, job search workshops and, job retention services. Approximately 2,700 clients a year will no longer receive this benefit.

Implementation Date: December 1, February 1, 2011

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Name of Program or Service Being Reduced: Reduce Administrative and Staff Costs

Description of Reduction: Staffing and costs associated with overtime are reduced.

The staff reductions will be achieved by reorganizing positions within the Operation Support Division (OSD) and of shared supervision/managerial responsibilities in the Community Services Division (CSD) and Division of Child Support (DCS) co-located facilities.

Dollar Amount: (\$1,103,000) GF-S (\$1,064,000) GF-F (6.8) FTE

Description of Client Impact and/or Effect on Service Outcomes: Overtime is used to manage workload and maintain performance rates while experiencing staff vacancies. In high use months, overtime is used to ensure applicant documents are processed within the ten or 30-day timeframe mandated by the federal government to avoid penalties. Overtime has also assisted the Department in complying with federally mandated accuracy rates. If the state falls beneath the national average, there is a risk of incurring financial penalties.

Implementation Date: October 1, 2010

Agency Name: Economic Services Administration

Name of Program or Service Being Reduced: Eliminate Child Support Pass-Through

Description of Reduction: Eliminate funding appropriated in the 2011 Enacted Early Supplemental – HB 3225 to implement systems changes and meet client notification requirements associated with suspension of the child support pass through.

Dollar Amount: (\$119,000) GF-S (\$241,000) GF-F 0.0 FTE

Description of Client Impact and/or Effect on Service Outcomes: Costs associated with implementing the suspension of the child support pass through as required in HB 3225 will be absorbed within existing resources.

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Name of Program or Service Being Reduced: Reduce Regional Administration

Description of Reduction: Savings from consolidation of the Department of Social and Health Services regional structure.

Dollar Amount: (\$24,000) GF-S (\$24,000) GF-F 0.0 FTE

Description of Client Impact and/or Effect on Service Outcomes: The Department of Social and Health Services is consolidating its regional structure from six to three for all programs across the state.